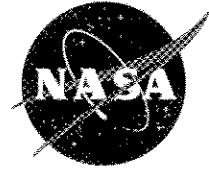


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Government University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR) Breakfast, Luncheon and Dinner on October 4-5, 2011

On October 4, 2011, Government University-Industry Research Roundtable (GUIRR), a nonprofit organization under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will host a meeting and reception followed by dinner at the Embassy-Suites Convention Center from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. The next day, GUIRR will host a conference from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the 20 F Street Conference Center in Washington, D.C., which will include a breakfast and lunch. This event is to provide attendees with an opportunity for the science community to share views with colleagues.

The purpose of the event is to examine the impact of social media on scientific research and the workforce. Approximately 75 people are expected to attend, including representatives of NASA, various other Federal agencies, industry, academia, the media, and staff of NAS. The estimated cost of the breakfast is \$15 per person, the luncheon is \$25 per person, and the reception and dinner is \$60 per person. I find that the event meets the requirements of a “widely attended gathering” as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(2).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA attendees to exchange information regarding various NASA programs.

NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the GUIRR, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the GUIRR, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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Adam F. Greenstone